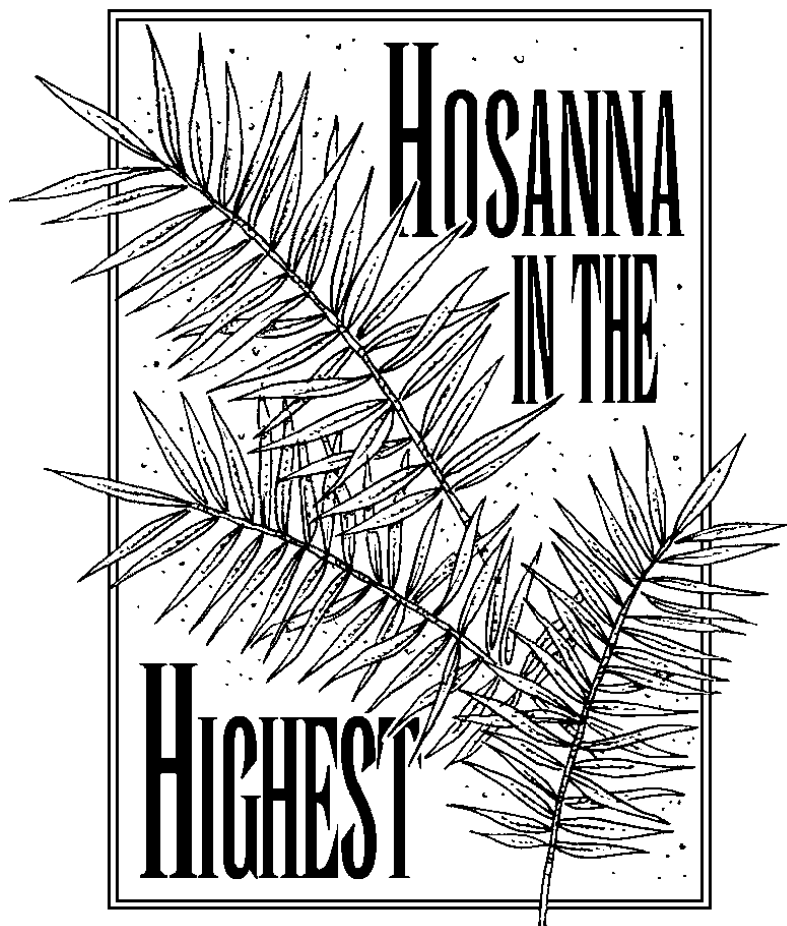


NEW HEMPSTEAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Angela Maddalone
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Lowell Mason

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“Lamb of God”*

Robert Farlee

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

Humble and riding on a donkey,

We greet you!

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

We cheer you!

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

We salute you, Christ the Lord!

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

With them, with the heart and voice, we SHOUT HOSANNA!

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Hosanna, O God in the highest! How you come to us in ways we never expect.

How is a king on a donkey? How can a Savior be hung on a cross? How do we see you when we are only trained to see defeat in these actions? In this week ahead will we see you with us, among us? Will your message come through? Will the palms we wave with joy today be thrown down tomorrow with doubt? May the Holy Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, beside us, around us, before and behind us, within us. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *“All Glory Laud and Honor”*

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress. Let us pray:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

God of street parades and hosannas, we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression, to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear, but so often we are silent.

We worry that we’ll say the wrong thing, so we don’t say anything at all.

We worry that we’ll offend, so we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we’ll speak up and won’t be heard, so we stay silent.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!”

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing— we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

We are forgiven. We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Kyrie Eleison

#579

(Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy)

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Please be seated following the Sung Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Lay Leader

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story. So send us the Holy Spirit, that, filled with inspiration and courage, we can hear your word for us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a (pg. 631)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"A Palm Sunday Jubilation"

Jon Paige

Barbara Zacheis: percussion

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Richard Witt

SECOND READING

Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 913)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Staying with Love

Rev. Richard Witt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN**

“Hosanna Loud Hosannas”

#197

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God’s act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“All the Forests are Resting”

J. S. Bach

PRAYER CARDS

Please fill out and place your Prayer Card in the offering plate

***DOXOLOGY**

#606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Filled With Excitement”

#199

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

As we continue through Holy Week, may we listen for the voice and guidance of Jesus, rather than responding to the shouts of the crowd.

Whatever this week brings into our lives, we trust God is with us.

We will lean on the blessings of God today and always. Amen!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

Traditional Danish

***POSTLUDE**

“Lift High the Cross”

Sydney Nicholson

The worship is over. The service begins....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors. We are glad you were able to be with us today and look forward to seeing you again.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on our mailing or phone list please send your request with your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number to either office@nhpchurch.org or newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com and we will add you to our lists.

Lay Leader: Bill Truss

We welcome and thank the Reverend Richard Witt for leading us in worship today.

The Reverend Richard Witt has served as Executive Director of the Rural and Migrant Ministry since 1991. Named among just a handful of individuals by City and State New York as both a top 100 Faith Leader and top 100 Labor Leader, Richard has long been at the forefront of fighting for the rights of farmworkers and rural workers. Ordained as an Episcopal priest, Richard has served in congregations in New York and Massachusetts and as a chaplain at Vassar College. For a more complete bio go to: <https://ruralmigrantministry.org/about-us/team/>

All are invited to join him during our Palm Sunday Lunch for a presentation and discussion about Rural and Migrant Ministries.



The Fellowship Committee and Deacons will be hosting the traditional Palm Sunday luncheon immediately after the Sunday service today!

Here are highlights you can look forward to as we travel into the Easter Season:

Maundy Thursday: April 17: Service at 8 p.m. We will celebrate the Eucharist as part of the service.

Good Friday service, April 18, we will have a Tenebrae Service at Germonds at 8 p.m. with combined choirs.

Easter Services: 8 a.m. in Murchison Hall, followed by a pancake breakfast served by men of the church. 11:00 a.m. with Communion and special music, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children after worship.

Children's Story Time/Sunday School meets during the Sermon time in the Colonial room. Please feel free to join us!

There is a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10am in the Colonial Room.

Food Insecurity continues to be an issue in Rockland County. We know that significant numbers of people are living below the poverty line in Spring Valley, in other areas near our church, and in the county in general. Our church is trying to do something about it by collecting contributions to the food pantry. You are encouraged to help by purchasing something extra each week that you go grocery shopping and bring it to church on Sunday. We will make sure that your gifts get to People to People. Recommended food items include breakfast cereal, boxed mac and cheese, boxed pasta, peanut butter, jelly, and juice. Alternatively, monetary contributions marked "Food Drive" can be placed in the collection plate. Any contribution is gratefully accepted.

Can't make it to church? Join us via Livestream on YouTube! Use the link below or just search for "New Hempstead Presbyterian Church"

<https://www.youtube.com/@nhpchurch> To give online, click on www.nhpchurch.org

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